

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 12, 2002 (BOS Mtg. 5/7/02)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James E. Barnett, County Attorney

SUBJECT: Ratification of Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreements—Preparation for Meeting of the World Church of the Creator

In preparation for providing law enforcement for the meeting of the World Church of the Creator at the Tabb Library now scheduled for May 4, 2002, the York County Sheriff's Department secured the cooperation of a number of area police and sheriff departments in order to be able to provide a significant onsite law enforcement presence during the meeting. As you have all been made aware, visits of the World Church of the Creator, or WCOTC, to other communities in the last year or so have resulted on some occasions in civil disturbances as supporters of the WCOTC have clashed with counter demonstrators who, at some events, have appeared in force to protest the group's meetings.

Although the County already has in place law enforcement mutual aid agreements with other Peninsula jurisdictions, and did not need a formal agreement to secure the cooperation of the Virginia State Police, the Sheriff also sought the cooperation and assistance of the police departments of the Cities of Virginia Beach, Norfolk, and Portsmouth, with whom the County has not previously had in place any mutual aid agreements. As of the date of this memo, agreements have been proposed for adoption by each of those cities, with the Virginia Beach City Council having approved its agreement at its meeting of April 23. Each proposed agreement is tailored specifically to the meeting of the WCOTC. Rather than convene a special meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors to formally authorize the execution of the agreements, the County Administrator expects to communicate individually with each of the Board members in order to receive assurance that the Board will formally ratify the execution of the agreements at the meeting scheduled for May 7, 2002. As this memo is being prepared in advance of the completion of all of those tasks, I will assume that the agreements will have been signed between now and May 4. Attached Resolution R02-96, if adopted, would formally ratify the County Administrator's actions. I recommend its adoption.

For your information, each of the three mutual aid agreements was identical (save, of course, for the name of the city) and for your review I have attached one of those agreements, specifically the agreement prepared for adoption by the City of Norfolk.

Barnett/3340:swh

Attachments

?? Mutual Aid Agreement

?? Resolution R02-96